

Patent claims

1. A method for showing a list (LI) containing
presence data (PD) on a display unit (A) on a
5 first communication terminal (KEG1), where the
presence data (PD) are held on a presence computer
(PR), in which
 - a list generation device (LE) uses a retrieval
message (ABN) to retrieve presence data (PD)
10 from the presence computer (PR), the presence
data relating to a predetermined selection of
further communication terminals (KEG2, KEG3)
which are associated with users,
 - the list generation device (LE) ascertains
15 format data (FD) which are associated with the
first communication terminal (KEG1) and which
describe a data format which can be shown on the
display unit (A) of the first communication
terminal (KEG1),
 - 20 - the format data (FD) are used to condition the
presence data (PD) such that a list (LI) is
produced which has the displayable data format,
and
 - the list (LI) is transferred to the first
25 communication terminal (KEG1) for display on the
display unit (A).
2. The method as claimed in claim 1,
characterized in that
 - 30 - the format data are ascertained by virtue of the
list generation device (LE) receiving a type
information item (TYP) from the first
communication terminal (KEG1), and
 - the type information item (TYP) is used by the
35 list generation device (LE) to read the format
data (FD) from a data store (S).

3. The method as claimed in claim 1 or 2,
characterized in that
- the list generation device (LE) retrieves from
the presence computer (PR), as presence data
5 (PD), data which describe an opportunity for
communication (SMS, MAIL, GAME) between the
first communication terminal (KEG1) and the
further communication terminals (KEG2, KEG3) at
the time of retrieval.
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4. The method as claimed in one of the preceding
claims,
characterized in that
- the list (LI) is generated using list structure
15 data (LSD), describing the structure of the
list, which have already been transmitted from
the first communication terminal to the list
generation device (LE).
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5. The method as claimed in one of the preceding
claims,
characterized in that
- the list (LI) is stored in the list generation
device (LE), and
 - 25 - if further list structure data (LSD') arrive
after the time of storage then the list (LI) is
adapted in line with these further list
structure data (LSD').
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6. The method as claimed in one of the preceding
claims,
characterized in that
- the list generation device (LE) receives a
selection message (AN) which is transferred from
35 the first communication terminal (KEG1) and
which contains information about the

predetermined selection of further communication terminals (KEG2, KEG3).

7. The method as claimed in claim 6,
5 characterized in that
- the list generation device uses the retrieval message (ABN) to transfer the information about the predetermined selection of further communication terminals to the presence computer
10 (PR), which then ascertains the presence data (PD) about these further communication terminals (KEG2, KEG3) and transfers them to the list generation device (LE).
- 15 8. The method as claimed in claim 7, characterized in that
- the presence computer ascertains the presence data (PD) by reading from a memory apparatus (SV).
- 20 9. The method as claimed in one of the preceding claims, characterized in that
- the list generation device (LE) creates charging
25 data (VD) which relate to the list (LI) which has been transferred to the first communication terminal (KEG1).
10. The method as claimed in claim 9,
30 characterized in that
- the list generation device (LE) transmits the charging data (VD) to a first switching center (VST) in the first communication network (MFN1), and
35 - this switching center (VST) then generates charge tickets (T) associated with the charging

data (VD) for the purpose of further processing in a charge credit device (PP).

11. The method as claimed in claim 9 or 10,
5 characterized in that
- the list generation device (LE) sends the charging data (VD) to a service switching point (SSP) in the first communication network (MFN1), and
 - 10 - the charging data (VD) are then taken as a basis for debiting a charge sum from a prepaid account (GK) which is associated with the first communication terminal (KEG1).
- 15 12. The method as claimed in one of the preceding claims,
characterized in that
- the presence data (PD) are shown on the display unit (A) in the form of images (BD1, BD2, BD3, BD4) associated with the presence data, and
 - 20 - activation of an image (BD3) starts a communication program on the first communication terminal (KEG1) which allows communication between the first communication terminal (KEG1) and one of the further communication terminals (KEG2, KEG3).
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